

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 were previously cancelled. Claim 21 was allowed. With this response, claim 11 is cancelled, and claims 10, 12, 17, 18 and 20 are amended. No new subject matter is added. Claims 10 and 12-21 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is requested in light of the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 21 is allowed.

Claims 11, 12 and 17-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims as previously indicated.

In keeping with this indication of allowable subject matter, claim 10 is amended to incorporate the features of claim 11. Claim 11 is cancelled. Claim 12 is amended for consistency with claim 10. Claim 17 is amended to depend from claim 10. Claims 18 and 20 are amended for consistency with claim 10. No new subject matter is added.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 10 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,451,708 to Ha ("Ha"). The applicant disagrees.


As indicated above, claim 10 was amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 11. Thus, claim 10 and the claims that depend from claim 10 are allowable for at least this reason.

Conclusion

For the above reasons, the applicant submits that all of the pending claims have been placed in condition for allowance, and allowance of the pending claims is requested. Please telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

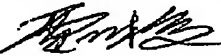
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